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GRETNA

Lawsuit will likely follow annexation approval

Mayor calls unanimous council vote 'a big win for the citizens of Gretna'

By Hailey Konnath
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Gretna plans to move forward with a controversial annexation, but a lawsuit challenging the plan could quickly follow, said Sarpy County Attorney Lee Polikov.

Gretna's City Council voted unanimously to approve the annexation at a meeting Tuesday night. The annexation will double the city's land area and bring in at least 2,800 people. It includes Vala's Pumpkin Patch, Sapp Bros., and the Lincoln Place, Willow Park and Standing Stone subdivisions, among others. Gretna's 2016 population count was 5,060.

"This is a big win for the citizens of Gretna," Mayor Jim Timmerman said after the council's vote. He said he wants the city "to be one" and not divided over the issue.

"This community is growing," Timmerman said, "and we want to protect our borders."

Polikov said his staff would be reviewing the annexation this morning. "If (Gretna) didn't settle the conflict (with state law) that says you can't annex agricultur-

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THANKFUL FOR A NEW LIFE

Matthew Hansen

COLUMNIST

Fraidoon Akhtari has worked for three months building cabinets, thanks to a generous offer.

They will roast a turkey inside their little Millard apartment, the place that every day feels a little more like home. Fraidoon knows this because he special-ordered the bird from the Afghan grocer.

The rest of Thursday's menu is up in the air. Maybe Homa will try her luck with some traditional Thanksgiving side dishes. Maybe the guests will lug in platters of traditional Afghan food.

Probably both, says Fraidoon "Fred" Akhtari. Probably all of the above.

"I have to thank God for everything He has done for me," says Fraidoon. "Me and my family and my kids have made new friends. We have met good people. We are safe. That's why I need to celebrate Thanksgiving."

Every year, I write a Thanksgiving week column focused on the things I'm grateful for in Omaha. Every year, I think about how it would be easier if I just ... didn't.

Then I run into a story like the one I'm about to tell you — the story of the Akhtari family's first Thanksgiving — and it reminds me why this sort of column is important to me. Why I think it needs to be written.

I first wrote about Fraidoon and Homa and their two kids when they arrived here fresh off a plane from Kabul this summer.

For almost the entirety of the American war in Afghanistan, Fraidoon was a beloved interpreter who fought alongside U.S. troops battling the Taliban and other insurgents. A collection of U.S. military veterans, lawyers, local charity workers and big-hearted volunteers fought to get Fraidoon and his family out of danger. They battled for years against government bureaucracy and congressional inaction. Then

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FIRST IN THE WORLD-HERALD

New patrol chief doesn't delay in facing problems that riled agency

By Joe Duggan
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — The Nebraska State Patrol will soon implement a new sexual harassment policy in the wake of allegations by a female trooper that her male commanders ignored complaints about a work-related physical exam.

And a decision will be made in coming weeks on the employment status of six patrol officers who've been on paid leave for nearly five months over their involvement in two internal use-of-force investigations.

Col. John Bolduc, the patrol's recently hired superintendent, said Tuesday he's taking those steps to help move the embattled agency beyond the most turbulent period in its 80-year history.

"This is what I preach to our troopers: Public trust is not something we can take for granted. It has to be earned," Bolduc said in his first newspaper interview since his Oct. 16 swearing-in ceremony.

Most recently the police chief for the Port of San Diego, Bolduc, 52, spent his first weeks in Nebraska visiting the six troop areas spread across the state. He said he wanted to meet as many of the patrol's 730 employees as possible while getting familiar with the largest agency he has led in a 30-

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Football state champs

Omaha North takes the Class A crown after Zander Gray scores with 18 seconds left. **Sports**

Thanksgiving shopping

Add Cabela's to the list of stores now open on Thursday. But other area retailers are limiting their hours. **Money**

Omaha forecast

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NEW CLOUT FOR FDA

How a cranberry crisis changed the way Americans see food

The Washington Post

The side-dish preferences of vice presidents don't normally make the news.

But 1959 was no ordinary time. It was the year a tiny berry caused Americans to take a hard look at potential cancer-causers in their food and care enough about the culinary choices of lawmakers that Richard Nixon's dinner selection one night in November warranted a front-page story in the Washington Post.

"Vice President Has Cranberries in Wisconsin," read the headline on Nov. 13, 1959.

Nixon's indulgence in not just one but four helpings of cranberries in a state that grew the crop came just days after Arthur Flemming, the nation's health secretary, warned the public that some cranberries in the Pacific Northwest had been contaminated by a weed-killer that was known to cause cancer in rats. He advised housewives "to be on the safe side" and avoid buying cranberries with uncertain origins.

The announcement, made just weeks before Thanksgiving, immediately set off a nationwide scare and upset a $50 million industry. A newspaper article even appeared

Coming Thursday Cranberry overload may spur dumping of extra supply.

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